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1. FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR VISIT OF CHIEF JUSTICE
BURGER IS PROPOSED IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL:

AUGUST 29, MONDAY

1650 - ARRIVE HELSINKI VIA LUFTHANSA 26 FROM FRANKFURT.
MET BY AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY AND CONTROL OFFICER J. FORD
COOPER, EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR. CHIEF JUSTICE AND
RMS. BURGER AND MR. CANNON PROCEED TO AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE.

1930 - DINNER FOR CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER HOSTED BY
AMBASSADOR.

PROPOSED GUST LIST:

CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER

MR. MARK CANNON

MINISTER OF JUSTICE TUURE SALO AND MRS. SALO

CHIEF JUSTICE KURT OLSSON AND MRS. OLSSON

MINISTER OF EDUCATION CHRISTIAN GESTRIN AND

MRS. GESTRIN

DIRECTOR OF STATE RADIO ERKKI RAATIKAINEN AND VICE

CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW COMMITTEE

KAISA RAATIKAINEN

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SUPREME COURT JUDGE ERO MANNER AND MRS. MANNER
CHANCELLOR OF JUSTICE RISTO LESKINEN AND MRS.
LESKINEN.

AUGUST 30, TUESDAY

MORNING:

CALL ON MINISTER OF JUSTICE SALO AND BRIEFING ON
FINNISH LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

CALL ON CHIEF JUSTICE OLSSON.
VISIT TO PARLIAMENT (ARRANGED BY MINISTER SALO).
CALL ON PRESIDENT KEKKONEN (NOT YET CONFIRMED).
LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MINISTER SALO AND MAYOR OF
HELSINKI TEUVO AURA.
SEPARATE MORNING PROGRAM FOR MRS. BURGER CAN BE
ARRANGED SUBJECT TO HER WISHES.
AFTERNOON:
SIGHTSEEING ARRANGED BY CITY OF HELSINKI.
1855 DEPART FINLAND VIA AEROFLOT 632 TO LENINGRAD.

2. ABOVE SCHEDULE OFFERED BY FINNS WOULD LEAVE NO
TIME FOR MEETING WITH PRESS. HOWEVER IF CHIEF JUSTICE
IS INTERESTED, EMBASSY SUGGESTS AN INTERVIEW WITH
A SENIOR JOURNALIST OF FINLAND'S LEADING NEWSPAPER,
HELSINGIN SANOMAT, TO TAKE PLACE TUESDAY AFTERNOON
IN RESIDENCE. EMBASSY HAD HAD GOOD EXPERIENCE WITH
SUCH INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES, AND WE BELIEVE
RESULTING STORY WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY TO
VIEWS OF CHIEF JUSTICE.

3. BIOGRAPHY OF CHIEF JUSTICE OLSSON:
KURT OLAF OLSSON, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF
FINLAND, WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 28, 1919. ACADEMIC
STUDY SPECIALIZED IN BUSINESS LAW, CULMINATING IN
EARNING OF DOCTOR OF LAW IN 1950. MOST OF CAREER SPENT
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AS TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR AT HELSINKI
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. APPOINTED TO SUPREME COURT
IN 1970, BECAME PRESIDENT OF COURT IN 1975.
OLSSON IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER INGRID PERSSON, BORN
IN SWEDEN IN 1918. HE HAS PUBLISHED VARIOUS STUDIES AND
ARTICLES IN BUSINESS LAW.

4. RECENT BIO DATA ON JUSTICE MINISTER SALO
CONTAINED IN HELSINKI 1078.

5. LIKELY WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING PERIOD OF VISIT
WILL APPROXIMATE THOSE DURING EARLY OCTOBER IN
WASHINGTON, WITH MILD TEMPERATURES BUT CHANCE OF
RAIN AND POSSIBLY CHILLY WINDS.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER MRS. BURGER
WOULD LIKE SEPARATE SCHEDULE OF SIGHTSEEING/SHOPPING
FOR TUESDAY MORNING.
RIDGWAY

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